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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Katsuya IRIE, et al.

Serial No. 09/722,697

Group Art Unit: 2879

Confirmation No. 4563

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Examiner: Holly R. Harper

For: GAS DISCHARGE DISPLAY DEVICE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment and accompany Request For Continued Examination (RCE) are responsive to the Notice of Allowance mailed September 28, 2004, and having a due date for payment of the Issue Fee of December 28, 2004.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.